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In re application of : Fred ZACOUTO et al

Application No. : 10/040, 429 ✓
(Continuation of US application 09/200, 855)

Filed : January 9, 2002

Group Art Unit: 3738

For : SKELETAL IMPLANT

Examiner: B. Snow

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Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312** in the above-captioned application.

___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

___ A Request for Extension of Time.

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Responsive to the Notice of Allowance of April 9, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this Amendment.